

Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee

This committee has a wide range of responsibility for all matters relating to children, schools and education. This includes approving the Children and Young People Plan and leading on the council’s responsibilities under the Children Act 2004 and Education and Inspection Act 2007.

Introduction:

The vision for this committee, which is set out in the Children and Young People’s Plan, is to make Barnet the most family friendly borough in London– where children, young people, and their families are safe and healthy, are informed and responsible, and feel listened to. At the core of this is a resilience based model of practice which involves identifying issues early and supporting families to build their resilience, underpinned by high quality social work. Our safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable children and young people will be effective and robust, with greater interface between services to provide a cohesive approach. We strive for schools in Barnet to remain among the best in the country, with enough early years and school places for all and children achieving the best they can, with attainment and progress of pupils in the top 10% nationally, and the progress of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils accelerated.

Committee Priorities for 2019-2024

Corporate priority	How we will deliver this by 2024
Improving services for children and young people and ensuring the needs of children are considered in everything we do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving children’s services to get a ‘good’ Ofsted rating Providing effective leadership and empowering staff Improving the social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people Preventing young people from getting involved in violence, crime, exploitation and anti-social behaviour Being a good corporate parent to children in care and care leavers
Ensuring we have good schools and enough school places so all children have access to a great education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and forecasting to deliver school places to meet identified needs Improving pupils’ achievement and narrowing the attainment gap Improving outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities Supporting children to have the best start in life and be ready for learning
Ensuring we are a family friendly borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping children to live in safe and supportive families and communities Providing services that encourage and build resilience Increasing the participation, voice and influence of young people Embedding children’s rights across policies and procedures Ensuring children and families know about and can influence decisions that affect them